GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some well reputed fertilizer units of the country have appropriated huge amounts of subsidy from the Government;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard, unit-wise alongwith their declared and actual production capacity and the amount of subsidy given to each such unit; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to recover the subsidy amount and the action taken against them for misleading the Government and public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c) : Government is seized of the matter relating to excess drawl of subsidy by under statement of capacities by some of the urea manufacturing units . Government have appointed a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y.K. Alagh toaddress to the total issue of reassessment of capacity including recoveries that may have to be effected. The exact amount of recovery of excess subsidy from the concerned units will depend on the report of the Committee and the Government`s decision thereon. In addition, the Government has also referred the matter to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for investigation of the available evidence with a view to determining whether a prima-facie case is made out against the concerned units under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.